

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Alvin Fodness, and we are richer because Alvin lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Alvin was born on July 16, 1905; and,

Whereas, Alvin married Olga Weeg on September 22, 1926, and to that union three children were born, Duane, Darrel and Delores, who blessed their lives with seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Alvin farmed until his retirement, and his leisure activities included bowling and riding a motorcycle; and,

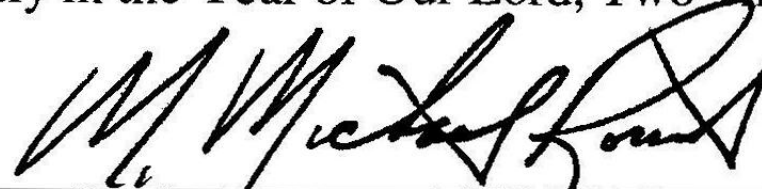
Whereas, Alvin resides independently at the Sunrise Manor in Lennox, South Dakota, and will observe his 102nd Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 16, 2007, as

ALVIN FODNESS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and his relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

